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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner McCloud:

I am faxing this Amendment After Final Action (7 pages), in response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, together with a PTO 2038 authorizing charging a credit card for the \$120 one month Large Entity extension fee. Also included herewith are copies of the marked-up specification and substitute specification previously submitted on June 17, 2004. The specification conformed the application to US style and practice and overcame the objections of the last office action, with no addition of new matter.

This Amendment After Final Action cancels all but the allowed claims 47, 48 and 50. Since the drawing objections dealt with features present in the now cancelled claims, no corrected drawings are being submitted.

This Amendment After Final Action places the specification, claims and drawings in condition for allowance. Further consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: US Patent Application 10/018,979  
Filed December 18, 2001  
Title Muffler Device of a Motor Vehicle, With Variable Damping Characteristic  
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Amendment After Final Action

Dear Examiner McCloud:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on July 13, 2005.

A clean set of the claims as amended is submitted on the following pages.

Schumacher (E) 1734 US - US Patent Application 10/018,979  
Response to Office Action mailed 07/13/2005 submitted by fax on 10/21/2005

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